in this financial year. Rs. 2.5 crs. has been spent upto, 31.3.96 and Rs. 37.01 crs has been provided in 96-97 budget.

(c) The present target for completion of this work is 31.3.99.

(d) There are no difficulties. The work is being progressed to suit the target.

Compartments in Narsapur Express for Visakhapatnam

870. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide compartments in Narsapur Express for Visakhapatnam in South Central Railways;

(b) whether it is proposed to have Visakhapatnam bound compartments linked to the Ratnachal Express;

(c) the steps proposed to have a rail travelling facility to Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh after 7.00 p.m.; and

(d) the measures proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to introduce slip coaches between Hyderabad/Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam by Hyderabad-Narsapur Express/Ratnachal Express. However, 7055/7056 Hyderabad-Narsapur Express provides connection to 7245/7246 Ratnachal Express at Vijayawada. This arrangement provides travelling facility from Hyderabad, after 1900 hrs. (7056 Hyderabad-Narsapur Express leaves Hyderabad and Secunderabad at 2130 and 2200 hrs. respectively), to Visakhapatnam with a changeover at Vijayawada.

(d) Does not arise.

Harassment of passengers by RPF

871. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received regarding harassment of railway passengers by the Railway Protection Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (c) During the year 1995-96, a total of 24 complaints have been received regarding harassment of the railway passengers by the RPF personnnel. Out of them, 14 complaints were found false. In the remaining 10 complaints, 19 RPF personnel were found to have been involved. Out of the 19 RPF staff, 4 have been taken up for trial in the courts of law, 3 have been dismissed from service, 7 have been punished departmentally and the remaining 5 have been taken up under DAR Rules.

Newsitem regarding Kendriya Vidyalayas

872. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has since been drawn towards a newsitem captioned "Kendriya Vidyalaya ke star men girawat ka mamla cooper tak pahuncha" that appeared in the 8th November, 1996 issue of 'Jansatta'; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pass result of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Classes X and XII are better than that of C.B.S.E. overall results. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has implemented 37 recommendations of the Selja Committee. Action has already been initiated to implement the ramaining twelve recommendations.

औद्योगिक प्रदूषण पर नियंत्रण पाने के लिए कनाडा से सहायता

873. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कनाडा के किसी अभिकरण ने भारतीय उद्योगों में प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के लिए वित्तीय एवं तकनीकी सहायता देने का प्रस्ताव किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में अभिकरण द्वारा कोई समय सीमा निर्धारित की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) इस प्रयोजन के लिए उक्त अभिकरण द्वारा किन-किन शहरों में किन-किन उद्योगों का चयन किया गया है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन जय नारायण प्रसाद निषाद): (क) से (घ) पर्यावरण के अनुकूल औद्योगिक विकास के संवर्धन में भारत की क्षमता वृद्धि के लिए भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ पर्यावरणीय प्रबन्धन परियोजना नामक एक परियोजना के लिए 10 अक्तूबर, 1994 को भारत सरकार तथा कनाडा सरकार के बीच एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। इस परियोजना के लिए कनाडियाई अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विकास एजेंसी 7 मिलियन कनेडियाई डालर की अनुदान सहायता दे रही है। इस परियोजना को भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ के माध्यम से क्रियान्वित किया जा रहा है। परियोजना के उद्देश हैं- पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से अनुकूल औद्योगिक विकास को बढ़ाना और उद्योग के लिए उपयुक्त पर्यावरणीय नीतियों का अनुप्रयोग ताकि कार्यक्रम उपायों को अपनाने में तथा ऊर्जा और जल प्रबंधन में भारत-कनाडियाई प्रौद्योगिकी सहयोग संबर्धन तथा परिक्षम उपाय अपनाने में भारतीय उद्योग में पारिक्षमता पर पर्यावरणीय जागरुकता और अभिरूचि वृद्धि हो सके। इस परियोजना में औद्योगिक प्रदूषण निवारण में प्रशिक्षण तथा प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड निरीक्षकों के लिए प्रशिक्षण सत्र संचालित करने की भी परिकल्पना है। समझौता ज्ञापन की अवधि 31 दिसंबर, 2001 तक है। प्रतिवर्ष किए जाने वाले परियोजना क्रिया-कलापों की शिनाख्त क्रियान्वयी एजेंसी अर्थात भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ द्वारा की जाएगी।

(ङ) अभी तक उक्त एजेंसी ने किसी उद्योग का भी चयन नहीं किया है।

Electrification of Koraput-Raygada Railway line in Orissa

874. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to electrify Koraput-Raygada railway line in Orissa;

(b) whether the electrification work has been started; and

(c) if so, the expected time for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) At present, there is, no proposal to electrify Koraput-Raygada line.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of Cash Crops

875. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cash crops produced in the country, particularly in Punjab during the year 1995-96;

(b) the amount of assistance provided by Government to the State Governments for increasing the production of cash crops during this period; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of cash crops in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The production of important cash crops produced in the country and in Punjab is as under:

Production ('000 tonnes)

S. No.	Crops	All India/Punjab		
1.	Oilseeds	22616	(*)	266
2.	Sugarcane	282945	(*)	8620
3.	Cotton	13093	(*)	1950
4.	Jute & Mesta	8909	(*)	—
5.	Spices	2466	(**)	18
6.	Cashew	321	(**)	—
7.	Fruits	39478	(***)	728
8.	Vegetables	65094	(***)	1721
9.	Tobacco	587	(**)	—

(*) relate to 1995-96
(**) relate to 1994-95
(***) relate to 1993-94

(b) and (c) Assistance is being provided to State Governments for increasing production of cash crops under a numbe rof centrally